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Dear Examiner Zimmerman:

As you requested, here are my proposed changes to the application.

1. Amend claim 3 to depend from claim 1.
2. Add new claim 51, dependent from claim 2, with identical language to claim 3.
3. Amend claim 18 to depend from claim 51.
4. Add new claim 52 as follows: "A method according to claim 1, wherein the pressing consists of the step of roll bonding said cladding to said base metal alloy to thereby metallurgically bond said cladding to said base metal alloy."
5. Add new claim 53 as follows: "A method according to claim 52, further comprising the step of cold rolling said roll bonded composite to a final gauge."

Items 1-3 above should take care of the multiple dependency issues you pointed out on the phone yesterday.

Proposed new claim 52 has basis in pending claims 1 and 50. Proposed new claim 53 has basis in claim 11.

I will call you this afternoon to discuss these proposals. Thank you for working with me on this case.

Regards,
Steve Solomon